

Minutes
Lenoir County Transportation Committee
Lenoir Economic Development Board Room
Scheduled Meeting
September 9, 2015 – 8:30 a.m.

Attendance:

Voting	Non-Voting	Absent
Gordon Vermillion, Lenoir County at Large, Chair	Patrick Flanagan, RPO	Adrian King, PRIDE of Kinston
BJ Murphy, Mayor, City of Kinston (Tony Sears, Kinston City Manager)	Chris Harper, County Administration	John Craft, Manager, Town of LaGrange
Bill Whaley, Lenoir County Economic Development Board	Mark Pope, Executive Director, Lenoir County Economic Development	John Rouse, Division Engineer, NCDOT
Mary Jane Westphal, NC GTP Authority	Barry Seay, Lenoir County Planning Board	Joe Albright, Town of Grifton, Manager
	Jeff Cabaniss, NC DOT	Steve Miller, Assistant Public Services Director, City of Kinston
		Brian Lucas, City of Kinston
		Mike Jarman, Manager, Lenoir County
		Dan Sale, Lenoir County, Member-At-Large
		Aaron Bullard, District Engineer, NC DOT
		John Marshall, Kinston-Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce
		Donald King, Town of Pink Hill
		Eric Rouse, Lenoir County Commissioner
		Adam Short, City of Kinston

Chairman Gordon Vermillion was called the meeting to order at 8:38 a.m. Quorum was not present.

Update:

TIP Projects – Jeff Cabaniss, NC DOT

- **B-4565:** Bridges #42 and #43 over Neuse River on US 70 Business (Queen St.), Awarded to Thalle Construction Co., Inc. Road closure began August 3, 2015. Project approximately 15% complete.
- **W-5202K:** NC 11- Construct 21 left turn lanes at existing median openings from South of SR 1826 Mewborn Ave to North of SR 1719 Odham Rd, Let date June 29, 2015, lowest bid was above the available funding, attempting to re-scope the project
- **EB-3314D:** Kinston Riverwalk, multi-use path from downtown through Pearson Park to the Power plant, contract awarded to Lanier Construction. Work began August 17, 2015; completion date December 16, 2015.

Non-TIP Projects – Jeff Cabaniss, NC DOT

- **Smithfield Way** (49005) - extend road from SR 1548 Hill Farm Rd to US 258, first layer of asphalt complete by Barnhill Contracting, second layer to be placed in conjunction with Hill Farm Rd project
- **Hill Farm Rd** (48102) - extend existing turn lane on SR 1548 (Hill Farm Rd) past Kinston FD Station 3 to 465 ft north of SR 2021 (Smithfield Way), awarded to Barnhill Contracting Co. Contractor has resumed work. Contract completion date October 2, 2015.

Resurfacing - Jeff Cabaniss, NC DOT

- **Secondary Roads** - awarded to Barnhill Contracting Co., available July 1st with a completion by November 13, 2015
 - SR 1116 Jonestown Rd from NC 11 to US 258, widen from 18' to 24' and resurface
 - SR 1578 Airport Rd from 2 lane section to NC 58, mill and resurface

- SR 1569 Carey Rd from US 70 Bus. (Vernon Ave) to SR 1571 (Plaza Blvd), mill and resurface

Mr. Mark Pope stated that he has talked with several businesses in the Highway 70 Industrial Park area about the use of Smithfield Way and if the drivers of their trucks were having any issues. He stated that a stop light may be needed for that new intersection to help trucks traveling north bound. He stated that he would keep the Transportation Committee updated with any new information regarding this issue.

Old Business:

Approval of Minutes – Gordon Vermillion, Chairman

- A quorum was not present. The minutes could not be approved by the committee for August 12, 2015. The minutes will need to be approved by the committee during the October meeting.

Resolutions in Queue for Commissioner Approval – Gordon Vermillion, Chairman

- Chairman Gordon Vermillion stated that the transportation committee had two resolutions submitted to the Lenoir County Board of Commissioners for approval. One for the improvements to Highway 11 at the Ferrell Road intersection and another for the Queen Street Redesign Project.
- Chairman Gordon Vermillion stated that Mr. John Rouse, Division Engineer with NCDOT, read the Resolution of Support for the North Carolina Department of Transportation in Regards to Intersection upgrades to Highway 11 at Ferrell Road in Lenoir County, NC at the August 17 Commissioner meeting. He then stated that the resolution received unanimous approval from the Commissioners.
- Chairman Gordon Vermillion asked if any members present knew of the standing of the Queen Street Redesign Resolution. Mr. Mark Pope stated that the Queen Street Redesign Resolution would be presented at the Commissioners meeting scheduled for September 21.

RPO Report –Patrick Flanagan, Eastern RPO Planner

- Mr. Patrick Flanagan referred attending members to the handouts he presented. The first handout reviewed, labeled NC 11/903. He stated that this information relates to the modified projects discussed at the last meeting. Tweaks were made to these projects in the hopes that they would score better this time. This handout goes along with the excel spreadsheet handout. The spreadsheet shows what the changes were for each project. Mr. Patrick Flanagan asked if the committee had any questions in regards to the handouts presented. No members responded with questions.
- Mr. Patrick Flanagan referred attending members to the handout labeled US 258. The projects within this group were removed from the scoring system because they did not meet new NC DOT requirements. The projects listed were from Lenoir County.
- Mr. Patrick Flanagan referred attending members to the handout labeled SR 1603 (Washington St). He stated that these projects are the Lenoir County projects that were removed that will be added back into the scoring system. These projects will be 3 of the 12 projects being submitted for scoring. The Washington St project will potentially be submitted as 2 projects. Mr. Patrick Flanagan asked why this project called for 4 lanes versus the existing 3 lanes. The third project to be reentered is for Highway 11, upgrades for freeway standards in compliance with the Quad East plans connecting 795, 70, 11 and 264.
- Mr. Patrick Flanagan referred attending members to the handout labeled US 70 (Skinner's Bypass). These projects are being deleted from the system for this round of scoring. Timing is an issue for these projects. The construction on the bridges and on Highway 11 interferes with these projects. These projects will be reentered in the system once the construction is complete.
- Mayor BJ Murphy asked Mr. Patrick Flanagan about the projects relating to the Quad East concept. He asked for clarification on the projects Lenoir County is sacrificing by scoring these two projects. Mr. Patrick Flanagan stated that the deleted projects being resubmitted at a later date were the sacrifices. They will not be deleted permanently, just for this round of scoring.
- Mayor BJ Murphy asked Mr. Patrick Flanagan for clarification on the changes made to the modified projects. Mr. Patrick Flanagan reviewed the modifications to NC11/903, US 70 (near La Grange), US

70 (near Wyse Fork), and US 258 (near Snow Hill). Mr. Patrick Flanagan stated that the projects were split into multiple projects so that the cost of the project would be easier to absorb, the project would score higher, and be more likely to receive funding.

- Mayor BJ Murphy asked Mr. Patrick Flanagan to summarize where Lenoir County is with the upgrades to Highway 11 and how this fits into the big picture for the Quad East concept. Mr. Patrick Flanagan responded that portions of the Highway 70 Bypass have been split into East and West. He then stated that NC 11 remains that same. He then stated that 264 got cut and they are talking with another RPO and MPO to get it put back in. If they do not submit, Lenoir County will need to submit on their projects. The Little Baltimore project feeds into the Quad East because of the interchange.
- Mayor BJ Murphy asked Mr. Mark Pope if there is discussion at the Highway 70 Corridor meeting about the upgrades to 70. Mr. Mark Pope stated that Mr. John Rouse typically mentions it at each meeting and it is generally supported by all of the Corridor members.
- Chairman Gordon Vermillion asked when the Goldsboro Bypass would be complete. Mr. Patrick Flanagan stated that the Western portion would be open in November-December 2015 and the Eastern portion is expected to be open in June-July 2016.
- Chairman Gordon Vermillion asked how the Havelock Bypass was coming along. Mr. Patrick Flanagan stated that the Havelock Bypass is being held up by the Feds. They have asked NC DOT for some final numbers. It is anticipated to take another month to process.
- Chairman Gordon Vermillion asked Mr. Jeff Cabaniss when the bridges would reopen. Mr. Jeff Cabaniss stated that it should be open by the summer of 2016.
- Mr. Barry Seay asked where the plans for CF Harvey Parkway - Section C stood. Mr. Gordon Vermillion stated that it is still the top priority for Lenoir County. Mr. Patrick Flanagan stated that the project was funded.
- Mrs. Mary Jane Westphal stated that Mr. Rudy Lupton was no longer the Director for the North Carolina Global TransPark. She then stated that Mr. Rick Barkes is now acting Director. She apologized for his absence due to sickness and stated that he would be in attendance for the next meeting.

New Business:

Request of New Business – Gordon Vermillion, Chairman

- The committee did not have any new business to discuss at this time.

The next transportation meeting will be Wednesday, October 14, at 8:30 a.m.

Much discussion followed

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 a.m.